Amendment to the Specification

Please amend Pages 3 and 4,¶ 1 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A fish holder spring clamp system, adapted for integration into the handle of a hand-held fish landing net, includes an assembly for selectable connection thereto. The inventive fish holder spring clamp includes an elongate lever member having a handle end and a jaw end and, disposed intermediately between a proximal end of said handle end and a distal part ~~end~~ of said jaw end, a pivot pin such that an obtuse angle is formed between virtual lines connecting said proximal end of said lever to said pivot pin and said distal part ~~end~~ of said jaw end to said pivot pin. A lever effect is defined by the pivot pin thereby causing an elevation of said jaw end responsive to a depression of said handle end. Said pivot pin and its journal are formed integrally upon a longitudinal base member which is substantially co-linear with said lever. In a preferred embodiment, said longitudinal base member may be complementally secured within an elongate coupling of substantially like dimension. Therein, through the use of securement means, said base member and its complemental coupling may be secured to a handle of the landing net. Said distal part ~~end~~ of said jaw end of said lever is provided with a grip plate wheel which is rotationally secured upon an axle of rotation which is formed at said distal part ~~end~~ of the jaw end. Said lever is spring biased about said pivot pin into a closure position such that at least one surface of said grip plate wheel will, in the absence of an opposing force upon said handle end, urge the lever and, thereby, said grip plate wheel to a closed position relative to an opposing surface of said elongate base member to which said journal of said pivot pin is attached. Said handle end of the lever may be provided with a plurality of positioning means to control the extent of closure of the grip plate wheel relative to the mouth of a fish caught into which the wheel is inserted. Therefore, if said pivot pin is not sufficiently biased in the direction of the landing net, said plurality of positioning means are used to define the extent of rotation of the handle and jaw of the lever relative to the pivot pin.

Please amend Page 6,¶ 8 as follows:

Fig. 8 is a schematic view of the distal part ~~end~~ of the jaw end of the lever member showing the securement of the grip plate wheel thereupon.

Please amend Page 8,¶ 2 as follows:

Lever pin 20 serves as a pivot point for a lever 24 which includes a handle 26 and a jaw end 28. As ~~may be noted~~ shown, ~~virtual~~ lines connecting a proximal end 30 to pivot pin 20, on the one hand, and an axle 32 located at a distal part of said jaw end 28 to said pivot pin 20, creates an obtuse angle 21, that is, an angle of greater than 90 degrees but lesser than 180 degrees.

Rotationally secured about said axle 32 at said distal part of jaw end 28 is a so-called grip plate wheel 34 having roughened or irregular surfaces 36, one of which normally rests against a gripping plate 38 which is secured to a distal area of elongate base member 18. At a proximal area of said base is a lever lock element 40 (more fully described below) which may be opened to lock with one of notches 42 provided on said handle 26 of lever member 24. Shown in phantom in Fig. 1 are bolts 44 and nuts 46 which are positioned within lower surface 48 of handle 12.

Please amend Page 9,¶ 1 as follows:

In Fig. 2 is shown an operational view of the structure of Fig. 1. More particularly, there is shown a fish 50, the mouth 52 of which has been placed upon said grip plate wheel 34, such that the jaw of the fish is held between said wheel and said surface 38 of base member 18. It should be appreciated that lever pin journal 22 includes a spring 23 ~~(not shown)~~ having a normally clockwise bias such that the position of the lever 24 is normally that shown in Fig. 1.

Please amend Page 10,¶ 2 as follows:

In Fig. 5, there is shown the distal part ~~end~~ 28 of handle member 24 inclusive of axle 32 upon which is rotationally mounted grip plate wheel 34. As may be noted therein, there are provided a plurality of linear ridges 60 upon transverse surfaces of grip plate wheel which complementally engage linear channels 62 (see Fig. 9) located upon inner surface 64 of an end 29 of jaw 28 of the lever 24 (see Figs. 1, 2 8 and 9).

Please amend Page 10,¶ 3 as follows:

Accordingly, in a preferred embodiment, distal part ~~end~~ 29 of jaw end 28 engages grip plate wheel 34 about both sides thereof, and rotation thereof into selectably different positions relative to jaw 28 is facilitated by rotation of grip wheel 34 relative thereto. This feature facilitates a positioning of the grip wheel into the fish mouth 52 and into a position that optimizes the securement therein.